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1. My student told me that the Baghdad newspapers have been filled with items about a forthcoming union of Iraq and Kuwait which will take place when the King of Iraq marries one of the daughters of the Sheikh of Kuwait.
2. According to my student, the British approve this development, and the UK has achieved a rapprochement with Iraq. There will eventually be a federation of the sheikhdoms farther down the Persian Gulf coast, to include Bahrain, Qatar, Muscat and the sheikhdoms of the Trucial Coast. This development, which will come in the guise of an Arab movement for stronger Arab control, will, in fact, consolidate British power, and will seal off these oil deposits against possible US exploitation in the future.

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